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SYSTEM CONSISTING OF BANK NOTE PROCESSING MACHINES, BANK NOTE PROCESSING MACHINE AND

ASSOCIATED OPERATING METHOD

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 17, 2008

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2008 concerning the above-identified application. This response is timely in view of a petition to enlarge the shortened statutory period for response submitted herewith, including the requisite fee. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims of this application is requested in view of the amendments and comments presented herein.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to Specification

The specification is amended as shown in the following pages under the heading "AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION."

Amendments to Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading "LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS". This listing of claims supersedes all prior listings of the claims

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presented in this application, shows the current status of the claims presented in the application, and shows currently proposed amendments.